

## TO ANNUL WEDDING OF LEBAUDY HEIRESS

Her Mother Declares She  
Will Not Wed Detective  
Sudreau.

### COERCION USED IN CASE

Says Nuptials Were Only  
'White Marriage,' Not to  
Be Consummated.

### PLANNED TO GET ESTATE

'Emperor's' Widow Asserts  
Sudreau No Longer Directs  
Her Affairs.

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In an interview accorded THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent in her luxurious apartment in a fashionable quarter of Paris where she is hiding with her daughter Jacqueline, Mme. Lebaudy, widow of the self-styled "Emperor of Sahara," denied the reports that she intends to marry the French detective Sudreau, known as Harris, and added spice to the tangle involving millions by declaring that immediate steps are to be taken with the consent of Jacqueline for an annulment of the seventeen-year-old girl's "white marriage" with Sudreau's son.

The marriage, which was performed at Lapallade, near Avignon, last January, apparently complied with all the legal requirements, but Mme. Lebaudy to-day admitted that a certain amount of coercion existed, inasmuch as she convinced her daughter, under constant pressure by Harris, that an unconsummated marriage was the only way to come into legal possession of Jacqueline's share of the Lebaudy estates.

But she denies emphatically that any agreement existed whereby this ceremony was to be followed at some future date by a marriage in the Catholic Church in which she was to become the wife of her son-in-law's father. On the contrary, the widow has placed in the hands of her lawyer here a signed agreement to the effect that as soon as possession of the estate was obtained the marriage between Jacqueline and young Sudreau was to be immediately dissolved.

Both Mme. Lebaudy and her cousin, Col. Gouin, who as the only relative of the family constituted himself as her protector against any efforts of Sudreau to separate the girl and mother, insist that there has not been any consummation of the marriage and that Jacqueline, "a mere infant," now realizes the gravity of the situation in which she has been placed and is anxious for an immediate annulment, which will prevent her husband from sharing her heritage.

### Fears Abduction Attempt.

Mme. Lebaudy is secluded in her apartment in a highly nervous condition and is under the constant care of a doctor and nurse, while Jacqueline fears to leave the house lest Sudreau will succeed in his plan for abduction which was attempted at the St. Cloud Nursing Home last Monday night. Several detectives in plain clothes have been stationed by the police in the vicinity of the apartment.

"Sudreau has no right to represent himself as holding my power of attorney," asserted the widow. "For I personally took it from him and destroyed it and notified my lawyers that he had no longer the right to direct my affairs."

These statements are borne out by the declarations of her lawyers, who do not hesitate to attribute to Sudreau a deep laid scheme to obtain control of the Lebaudy fortune, first as bearer of the power of attorney, signed by his son, Roger, as Jacqueline's wife, and secondly as the husband of Lebaudy's widow.

It has now been revealed that relations between Mme. Lebaudy and Sudreau were strained to the breaking point when the latter discovered that under the French law Jacqueline, as a minor, was not free and that the administration of the estate was only possible through a legally appointed "curator." Mme. Lebaudy, it is said, then balked Sudreau's plan for obtaining control of the estate by securing the appointment of her lawyer, Jacqui, to act for her daughter, and the naming of her own cousin, Gouin, as "curator" for the young husband.

"During my return from the United States Harris obtained my confidence by declaring that he would be able to obtain a prompt liquidation of the heritage. He insisted that the affair was halted by the fact of Jacqueline's wife, and that she could only get possession of the wealth by marriage," declared Mme. Lebaudy. "He then suggested that I per-

### Joffre to Unveil Bust of Grant Here April 27

ROBERT UNDERWOOD JOHNSON, director of the Hall of Fame, announced yesterday that Marshal Joffre has accepted an invitation to unveil the bust of Gen. U. S. Grant at the Hall of Fame at New York University on the centennial of the soldier-President's birth, April 27. Prince Michel Cantacuzene, great-grandson of the General, also will take part in the ceremony.

The bust is by Henry M. Shady and will be placed in the colonnade in the section set aside for soldiers and sailors. Other busts in this section are of Admiral Farragut, Gen. Robert E. Lee and Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.

mit Jacqueline, then just turned 16, to marry his son Roger, 19. "Yielding to his pressure, I permitted the marriage, but with the express reservation that it should only be a 'white marriage,' and that it should be dissolved as soon as the business affairs were settled. A written contract to this effect was entered into and is in our possession."

"Jacqueline, whose character is inconstant because of her tender years, was incapable of appreciating the reality of the situation and could only bow to our will. It was thus that she was induced to accept, and the marriage contract was performed before the Provincial Mairie last January without any religious consecration afterward. There is no contract existing under which Roger Sudreau could be entitled to claim a share of the fortune in case of a divorce."

"To-day Jacqueline, knowing the consequences of her act, refuses to submit longer to such a union and is demanding an annulment."

Mme. Lebaudy then declared it was only to escape Sudreau's incessant solicitations that she decided to take refuge in the St. Cloud Nursing Home. After a battle royal in the gardens, wherein Roger and four companions were badly beaten, the Sudreaus fled in an automobile in which they had hoped to capture the youthful bride.

Complaints are being filed in the Versailles Parquet against Sudreau and it is likely that as soon as the court's ruling is obtained Mme. Lebaudy will return to the United States to direct personally the settlement of the estate there.

Mme. Lebaudy and her daughter, accompanied by the elder Sudreau, paid a visit to the United States late in 1921, and it was while they were here, in the Lebaudy house at Westbury, where Jacques Lebaudy was killed, that \$13,000 in money, \$4,000 in jewelry and a copy of Lebaudy's will were stolen from the safe. The Lebaudys and Sudreau were in the house at the time. One of the reasons for the visit to the United States was the effort of Sudreau, while here, to obtain from former Surgeon General Howell an increase in the daughter's allowance. She was then receiving \$2,000 a month. The request was refused.

The Lebaudys are understood to have met the elder Sudreau in Paris only a few months before they came to this country. He had been an international banker and later was said to have opened a detective agency under the name of Harris, specializing in divorce investigations.

## GRAND JURY TRACES YACHT EDITH'S RUM

Nassau Sheriff and Deputies  
Called as Witnesses in  
Brooklyn Inquiry.

### 100 NEW AGENTS FOR DAY

Fifteen Arrests in Manhattan  
and The Bronx for Vol-  
stead Violations.

The April Federal Grand Jury of the Eastern District, sitting in Brooklyn yesterday, began an investigation into the seizure of the converted yacht Edith at Bayville, L. I., when the craft arrived recently from the Bahamas with 1,500 cases of liquor aboard.

At the time of the seizure several arrests were made by Sheriff Charles Smith of Nassau county, Deputies Charles B. Townsend, Paul Rothman and others. Yesterday the Sheriff and his deputies appeared as witnesses before the investigating jury. Antonio Cassese of Ozone Park, Capt. Charles Oman and the crew of the Edith were charged originally with violation of the Mullian-Gage act.

The Edith a day later was taken over by the Federal authorities and is now moored at the army base in Brooklyn. Since the seizure there have been rumors on Long Island and elsewhere that two or three hundred cases of the liquor disappeared between the time the local authorities had charge of the yacht and the Federal agents took it over.

United States Attorney Green refused to comment on these reports, including rumors that the vessel was left unguarded and that automobiles and launches and rowboats were loaded with liquor which was finally taken to Oyster Bay.

Ralph A. Day, Director of Prohibition, yesterday announced that one hundred new agents would soon be patrolling the Canadian border with machine guns, armored motor cycles and automobiles. He said that the guards would shoot to kill when persons were found smuggling liquor into this country.

"Former service men who are familiar with the handling of firearms will receive preference in filling the new jobs," said Mr. Day. "I am going to see that the law is enforced along the border and in this harbor. Any one who tries to sell liquor is going to get into trouble. We are going to put them out of business or know the reason why."

With these words Mr. Day reported for Philadelphia to hold a conference with Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes, who spoke from the same platform with Billy Sunday last night.

Federal prohibition agents arrested fifteen persons in Manhattan and the Bronx yesterday, all of whom were charged with either selling or possessing intoxicants in violation of the Volstead act.

## NUTT REPORTS SUCCESS OF FLORIDA DRY DRIVE

Sees Smuggling at Lowest Ebb  
Since Prohibition.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Rum smuggling is now at the lowest ebb since prohibition began, L. G. Nutt, special prohibition agent, reported to-day to Commissioner Haynes upon his return from a survey of liquor conditions in Florida, where he led a dry drive, and adjacent islands.

Mr. Nutt will revisit the territory soon for a second survey, which will include other islands and coasts of Southern waters. Reporting upon the accomplishments of the recent campaign in Florida, Mr. Nutt listed seizure and destruction of liquor amounting to more than a million dollars, initiation of methods to practically eliminate smuggling, closing of the avenues of certain funds for financing smuggling, stoppage of transportation of liquor by rail and obtaining cooperation of Cuban and Bahaman officials.

RAIDS ON REDS DEFENDED.  
Senate Investigators Uphold Steps  
Taken by Palmer.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—General defense of the radical raids of 1919 and 1920, conducted by order of Attorney General Palmer, was made in a report by Senator Sterling (S. D.), Republican, chairman of a Senate Judiciary investigating subcommittee, made public to-day, with a supplemental report by Senator Walsh (Mont.), Democrat, attacking the raids and challenging conclusions of the Sterling report.

Senator Walsh's supplemental or rebuttal report said the Sterling report solicited conclusions that the end justified the means. He challenged legal conclusions of the committee report and said that if it approved it would afford "more occasion for alarm" than the original "Red raids."

## VOTES TO CONTINUE COURT HOUSE WORK

Board of Estimate Committee  
Follows Suggestion Made  
by Craig.

### START HIGH BRIDGE JOB

Department Heads Ask to Em-  
ploy Consulting Experts;  
Matter Goes Over.

Work on the new court house will be resumed soon. The committee of the whole of the Board of Estimate decided yesterday to report to the parent body a recommendation that the old contracts be modified and work started under them, as suggested by Comptroller Craig. The work was stopped a year ago by cancellation of contracts when the Lockwood committee showed \$800,000 graft in the stone contracts alone.

It also developed that the job of reconstructing High Bridge so as not to interfere with traffic has been started. The Water Department asked permission to employ William H. Burr and Arnold W. Brunner as consulting engineers and consulting architect respectively. Objection was raised on the ground that the Department of Plant and Structures had able experts, Edward Byrnes, chief engineer, had been called into consultation by the city of Philadelphia. Why wasn't he good enough for New York? The matter went over two weeks.

Believing that "it pays to advertise,"

the committee provided that the contractor of all public schools should be required to place on the work, until completed, the large sign, informing the public that a school is being put up and the number of pupils it will accommodate. "The people are entitled to know what we are doing," said President Hulbert of the Board of Aldermen.

The committee ignored the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, which Mayor Hylan declared was run by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. The chamber had requested a hearing on some measures to relieve unemployment. Mr. Hulbert moved that the communication be placed on file, remarking that the Brooklyn organization had been in favor of the Staten Island tunnel until it learned that Gov. Miller was opposed to it.

Commissioner Whalen of the Department of Plant and Structures, reported that marine interests opposed to the city building its own ship repair yard on Staten Island had prevented him from hiring any pile drivers.

## RESCUES BODY OF BOY; FINDS IT IS HIS SON'S

Forys Then Leaps Into River  
but Is Saved.

PROVIDENCE, April 10.—When Walter Forys summoned the police to drag the Woonasquetucket River for the body of a boy who had drowned before his eyes, he volunteered to assist them and aided in bringing the body to the surface late this afternoon.

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